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Exhibit: *Catch of the Day: Harvesting Chesapeake Bay Artifacts*

Thousands of oyster packing houses once dotted the Eastern Shore landscape. Today, the colorful packing cans they left behind are highly desirable to collectors. The Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture at Salisbury University features some of these cans and more in its display "Catch of the Day: Harvesting Chesapeake Bay Artifacts," through-October 14.

Pieces in the display offer a sampling of artifacts associated with the bay, including vintage bottles salvaged from the water, a generous sampling of other collectible glass bottles on loan from Bill Simms of Fruitland, and selected maritime photographs from famed photographer Orlando V. Wootten. Each image depicts Eastern Shore watermen plying their trade. Admission is free to the public.

Maryland Summer Center for Gifted and Talented Students Visit the Nabb Center

On both July 19 and 21, 2005, the children of the Maryland Summer Center for Gifted and Talented Students (MSCGTS) came to the Nabb Research Center to research residents, friends and neighbors of Pemberton Hall. In order to gain a better understanding of the 17th- and 18th-century lifestyles of landowners, indentured servants and slaves who once lived and worked near Pemberton Hall, the students examined primary documents such as wills, inventories and land records to prepare for a first-person character interpretation they presented to peers, family and local experts. The main goal of the MSCGTS "Diary of a River" historic research program was to engage students entering grades 5-7 in an investigation of the life of a local Colonial resident through academic research and hands-on activities. At Pemberton Hall, July 18-22, the children spent their days creating Colonial crafts, cooking and chores.

Dressed in their multi-layered period outfits the children enjoyed two sessions in the air-conditioned reading room of the center—a welcome reprieve from the hot and humid conditions outside.

MSCGTS "Diary of a River" at Pemberton Hall is sponsored by Maryland State Department of Education, Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture at Salisbury University, Pemberton Hall Foundation and Wicomico County Board of Education.

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Upcoming Event
Wednesday, November 9, 2005

The Nabb Research Center presents the Washburn Distinguished Lecture in American History given by Dr. Helen Rountree. The lecture will be on Eastern Shore Native people incorporating recent research which illustrates how ingenious the Native Americans were at using the natural bounty of the land and waters of the region.

Rountree is a native of Virginia who received her B.A., College of William and Mary, in sociology and anthropology; M.A., University of Utah, in anthropology; and Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, in anthropology. She joined the faculty at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, as an instructor in 1968 and retired as full professor at the end of 1999. In 1995, she was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Award, State Council on Higher Education in Virginia. Rountree began researching the Powhatan Indians of Virginia, both modern and historical, in 1969.

The lecture is 7 p.m. in the Worcester Room of the Commons. Reception will follow.

GHOTES Conference Scheduled For September 12-16

For the fourth time since the Genealogy and History of the Eastern Shore (GHOTES) group began nearly 10 years ago, they will convene for presentations, tours and community building. Meeting for most of the week in Craddockville, the group will be treated to history and genealogy talks by gifted and knowledgeable researchers and authors. Included are Miles Barnes, Rebecca Miller, Frances Latimer, Gail Walczyk, Barry Miles and MK Miles, David Scott, Jean Raleigh, and many others. A breakfast and book signing will let conferees meet Eastern Shore authors. Conferees will also tour some historic homes, participate in a brick-making demonstration from Philip Goldsborough, visit the courthouses and library, and join in the fun at the GHOTES Roast and Clam Bake. Anyone may register while space is available. See www.ghotes.net for details.

Submissions

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